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MM T-1, who has been actively engaged in Cuban revolutionary activities for the past four years and who has furnished reliable information in the past, on June 19, 1962, advised that EDDIE BATEZ, a Cuban National residing in Miami, received a telephone call the previous night from the owner of the 48 foot schooner "Mariner," which was on its way from Pass-a-Grille Beach, Florida, to Naples, Florida. The owner of the schooner advised that the boat had developed engine trouble, the crew was without food, and they needed money (4)

At 2:24 A.M., TONY FARINAS, an associate of BATEZ, sent a \$30.00 Western Union money order to ALWYN PERRIN, Pass-a-Grille Beach, Florida.

MM T-1 explained that BATEZ and FARINAS are close friends and associates of LARRY J. LA BORDE, an American citizen engaged in Cuban revolutionary activities and who previously participated in military expeditions between the United States and Cuba. (&

MM T-1 explained that LA BORDE had previously made arrangements for the "Mariner" to come to Miami and that he planned to engage in military expeditions between the United States and Cuba. (%)

On June 19, 1962, LA BORDE called Miami from New Orleans and stated that he was in contact with FRANK BARTES, a Cuban national and president of the New Orleans

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chapter of the Cuban Revolutionary Council. LA BORDE advised that he was also in touch with LUIS RABEL of the Cuban Revolutionary Council, which organization is interested in setting up a military training camp in the New Orleans area.

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On July 2, 1962, MM T-1 advised that LA BORDE had contacted the owner of the schooner "Elsie Reichart," which boat is about 65 feet long, previously belonged to the Smithsonian Institute, and is presently located in New Orleans. This boat is owned by three young Americans, JACK (last name unknown) and the two other Americans, names unknown, live on the boat and work on it. The boat was purchased for about \$9,000.00 and is presently in a boat-yard being caulked.

MM T-l explained that LA BORDE said the boat can operate at a speed of about twelve knots and is supposed to come to Miami and then operate between the United States and Cuba as a mother ship for small boats which will participate in clandestine military operations against Cuba. LA BORDE is trying to find a Cuban to act as captain of the ship because such a person would be necessary if the ship was operated in Cuban waters.

MM T-1 explained that the plan for this operation was devised by LA BORDE, who, with sufficient money and backing, could probably be successful in such an operation because of his past experiences in this type of activity.

MM T-1 explained that the "Mariner" as of then,
July 2, 1962, was located at Fort Myers, Florida, with
the three young Americans on board. These three young
Americans are in their early twenties and one is accompanied by his wife. In a telephone call to Miami, they
stated that the motor had been damaged. The running
lights are inoperative and they lost the ship's anchor.
They stated they needed money to continue on to Miami.

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It was expected that LARRY LA BORDE would accompany GERALD PATRICK HEMMING to Fort Myers, Florida, to confer with these three Americans.

MM T-1 explained that HEMMING is an American soldier of fortune who has been engaged in Cuban revolutionary activities, both in the United States and in Cuba, and who is not accepted by the leading Cuban revolutionary organizations, although he is well known to them.

MM T-l explained that LA BORDE is quite angry and disappointed with the crew of the 'Mariner" for not having arrived in Miami and requesting money. MM T-l advised that LA BORDE, on July 2, 1962, was staying with HEMMING at 2753 Northwest 13th Street, Miami, Florida, and constantly travels between Miami and New Orleans. MM T-l said that LA BORDE apparently has insufficient funds to carry on an operation between the United States and Cuba and is not in possession of the necessary arms and equipment.

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